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1. The news of the Soviet announcement in Moscow that the Soviets had successfully launched an earth satellite was obtained by Walter Sullivan of the New York Times from the radio. This information was then passed to Dr. Lloyd Berkner who announced it at the reception he was attending at the Soviet Embassy. This announcement was presumably ahead of any other report to the Soviet Embassy in Washington.
2. When the announcement was made both Poloskov and Dadenkov laughed and jumped up and down and gave every indication that they had not known of the expected launching in advance. Klagocravov was happy and could not stop beaming with pleasure during the rest of the evening.
3. During the evening someone asked Klagocravov how long it would be before he would send up people in a rocket now that he had successfully sent up a dog as reported at the conference. Klagocravov replied that this would be done within two years.

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